

### Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 1a shows the basic form of the inorganic, insoluble nanoparticles of some embodiments of the invention. The nanoparticle 1 consists of pure NCT metal, such as  $^{10}\text{B}$  glass or ceramic and has a size of between about 1 and 10,000 Å ( $10^{-10}$  to  $10^{-6}$  m). Preferably, the nanoparticles are between about 1 and 1,000 Å ( $10^{-10}$  to  $10^{-7}$  m), more preferably between about 1 and 100 Å ( $10^{-10}$  to  $10^{-8}$  m) and ideally between about 10 and 100 Å ( $10^{-9}$  to  $10^{-8}$  m).